

Amendment No. 2 to SB3424

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AMEND Senate Bill No. 3424*

House Bill No. 3340

by deleting all language following the enacting clause and by substituting instead the following:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 71, Chapter 5, is amended by adding Sections 2 through 4 below as a new, appropriately designated part thereto.

SECTION 2. It is the intent of the general assembly that, in order to maximize the medical care available to Tennesseans who are uninsurable but for the availability of Access Tennessee, federal matching funds should be identified and any applicable federal waiver should be negotiated that would enable the state to provide additional benefits or to provide subsidies to assist with payment of premiums or copayments to persons who are eligible for the Access Tennessee program or to any subset of persons who are eligible for the Access Tennessee program, including individuals with incomes below two hundred percent (200%) of the federal poverty level. It is the intent of the general assembly that any funds expended pursuant to this act in the future shall be administered in conformity with the federal determination of budget neutrality that was made in 2002 with respect to coverage of uninsurable adults under the TennCare waiver and in conformity with any federal waiver that shall be obtained in the future.

SECTION 3. The commissioner is directed to identify, apply for and negotiate for federal waiver authority for matching funds to support the provision of coverage under this act, which may include innovative approaches and solutions which may include but are not limited to support for health insurance subsidies.

SECTION 4. The commissioner may adopt such rules as are necessary and proper to implement this part, including but not limited to any rules or regulations necessary to identify, apply for and negotiate a federal waiver. Such rules may be promulgated as public necessity rules pursuant to §4-5-209.

SECTION 5. The provisions of this act shall not be construed to be an appropriation of funds and no funds shall be obligated or expended pursuant to this act unless such funds are specifically appropriated by the general appropriations act.

SECTION 6. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.